

Toyota Donates Van to J.D. Patton ATC

As part of their ongoing commitment to community service and education, Toyota Motor Manufacturing USA, Inc. of Georgetown recently donated a 2000 Sienna Van to the J.D. Patton Area Technology Center's auto body repair program.

ATC Principal Ray Stanley, Auto Body Repair Instructor Jim Wietholter and DTE Deputy Commissioner Mary Stratton met with Toyota's David Carpenter, program administrator for community relations at the Georgetown plant to pick up the vehicle.



"Working closely with business and industry is a key element to the success of our programs," said Mr. Stanley. "When a company like Toyota is kind enough to donate materials to help our students, we are very appreciative as well as proud to know that they are as dedicated to the success of our students as we are."

Toyota's David Carpenter, second from left, hands over the key to the donated van to Jim Wietholter. Also pictured is DTE Deputy Commissioner Mary Stratton, left, and Ray Stanley, J.D. Patton ATC principal, right.

Annie Clay, owner of Hodge's Auto, donated towing services to bring the van to the school. Ms. Clay's son is a junior student in Mr. Wietholter's class.

"Through the collaborative efforts in our system of schools and companies like Toyota, we are able to maintain state of the art learning capabilities for our students," said Stratton. "This is one more example of how business and industry coupled with ATC's across the state are creating learning environments conducive to the highly trained and educated workforce necessary in today's competitive markets."



Pictured above, left: Annie Clay stands beside her tow truck waiting to pick up the van; right: Mr. Wietholter, Mr. Stanley and Mr. Carpenter watch as the van is being loaded.